



Gull Pond

WELLFLEET

109 Acres

Not To Be Used For Navigational Purposes

GULL POND (Wellfleet)

General Information:

This 109-acre natural kettlehole pond has an average depth of 31 feet and a maximum depth of 64 feet. Transparency is exceptional, extending to 25 feet. The bottom is composed primarily of sand. Aquatic vegetation is scarce. The shoreline is forested and lightly developed.

Gull Pond is located in the northeast section of Wellfleet within the Cape Cod National Seashore. From Route 6 (heading north) take a right onto Gull Pond Road, travel about one mile, then take a left onto Schoolhouse Hill Road. The access road to the town landing is on the right. Parking is available at the town beach area. The access is suitable for launching small boats and canoes. **No outboards are allowed, although the use of electric motors is permitted.** The solid bottom along the shoreline is well suited to wading.

The pond supports a population of sea-run alewives which enter it after traveling up the Herring River to Herring Pond, and from there to Higgins Pond. A small ditch allows the alewives to enter Gull Pond from Higgins Pond.

Note that this pond is one of seven in the state designated as a Special Brown Trout Water. There is a limit of one brown trout per day, minimum length 15 inches. The three trout limit still applies, but only one may be a brown trout and it must be at least 15 inches long.

Fish Populations:

The last fisheries survey, conducted in 1988, recorded seven species present: brown trout, rainbow trout, smallmouth bass, white perch, yellow perch, white sucker and alewife. In addition to these species, a 1982 survey also found largemouth bass, American eel, banded killifish and pumpkinseed sunfish.

Fishing:

Gull Pond is annually stocked in the spring with rainbow, brown and brook trout. It produces some excellent holdover trout every year, especially brown trout. The 1988 survey, conducted in the fall, recorded a 28-inch brown trout that weighed over 14 pounds! The production of these large holdover trout is due to the pond's excellent coldwater habitat combined with a good forage base in the form of sea-run alewives. During high summer, look for the trout at depths of 31 to 42 feet. This is also a fair smallmouth bass pond, with at least a few large fish always present in the population.

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